

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

14. (currently amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of:

a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:

a surfactant composition;

a peroxygen compound; and,

an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition in a molar ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 4:1 prior to contacting a warfare agent.

15. (original): The decontaminating solution of claim 14, wherein the surfactant composition comprises a microemulsion.

16. (Previously presented): A kit comprising the chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution of claim 14.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently amended): The decontaminating solution ~~in-situ generated peroxy~~carboxylic acid

~~composition~~ of claim 14 ~~18~~, comprising a peroxygen compound of hydrogen peroxide, a bleach activator of nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate (NOBS), and a microemulsion of didecyl methylamine oxide, decyl dimethylamine oxide, decane, water and sodium carbonate.

20. (Currently amended): The decontamination solution ~~in-situ generated peroxycarboxylic acid~~  
~~composition~~ of claim 14 ~~18~~, further comprising a buffer.

21. (Currently amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution,  
consisting essentially of

a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:

a surfactant composition;

a peroxygen compound;

an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition prior to contacting a warfare agent;

water;

a buffer; and,

optionally, a hydrocarbon component.